

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE**

**TRANSFER/PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITY**



**RESTRICTED TO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH EMPLOYEES**

**CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST II  
Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)  
Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)  
Patriotic Hall**

At the invitation of the Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs (DMVA) and with cooperation from the Chief Executive Office (CEO), the Department of Mental Health (DMH) is developing a one-stop service center for combat veterans and their families to be headquartered in the newly renovated Patriotic Hall, targeted for operation in October, 2012. Inherent in this plan will be the expectation for DMH to utilize emerging or established best practices including Evidence Based Practices (EBPs), Community Defined Evidence (CDE), and Promising Practices (PP) which are part of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) plan for this special needs population. As a result, DMH is seeking to hire a Clinical Psychologist with experience working with veterans and their families. In collaboration with staff of participating agencies, the Clinical Psychologist will perform the following duties for our returning war heroes and their family members.

**ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:**

- Provide psychological services as well as appropriate linkages for veterans and their families, regardless of their discharge status, who are in crisis and/or experiencing symptoms of posttraumatic stress, anxiety, depression, co-occurring disorders, abuse, and traumatic brain injury.
- Provide direct mental health services to veterans and their families by utilizing EBPs, such as Prolonged Exposure Therapy for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PE) and Families Over Coming Under Stress (FOCUS), CDE, and PP to veterans and their families with PTSD, substance abuse, and other mental health issues.
- Interview clients, their families, and/or representatives to obtain financial and other eligibility data and assist patients in preparing, completing, and processing Medi-Cal and other healthcare program applications.
- Provide support, including outreach, engagement, and linkage, to homeless veterans, and their families, regardless of their discharge status, as well as acting as a liaison with local Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities in advocating for appropriate mental health services.

- Work with veterans and their families to gather information about mental and physical health histories in order to determine diagnoses and establish Coordination Care Plans to resolve or cope with identified mental health issues.
- Evaluate veterans and their families' needs for medical care, housing, benefits establishment, and provide linkage services with appropriate community services.
- Participate in the collection of data to support program evaluation and document program outcomes.
- Collaborate with Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, U.S. Vets, and other mental health service providers for assistance in obtaining documents, reports, and specialized assessment results to optimize service delivery and maximize recovery and reintegration potential.
- Special projects as assigned by the Mental Health Clinical Program Head.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Veterans and/or military family members that currently qualify or hold the job title as a Clinical Psychologist II.
- Clinical experience working with veterans and their families, Veterans' Affairs and Veterans Service Organizations.
- Experience in working with multidisciplinary teams.
- Adaptable and flexible.
- Experience in data collection and analysis.
- Ability to produce reports from data and make recommendations based on the analysis.
- Possession of excellent and demonstrated communication skills, both verbally and in written form.
- Possession of excellent organizational and interpersonal skills as well as be self-directive, energetic, and committed.
- Ability and willingness to travel throughout Los Angeles County in the course of performing the duties of this position.
- Computer skills, including sound experience utilizing MS Office programs such as Power Point, Excel and Word.

Interested individuals who currently hold the title of Clinical Psychologist II or are on the eligibility list are encouraged to send a detailed resume and letter of interest as well as last two (2) Performance Evaluations and last two years of master time records (if are a current DMH Employee) **no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, August 31, 2012 to:**

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